## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1. A high thermal conductive aluminum nitride sintered body having: a thermal conductivity of 220 W/m  $\cdot$  K or more; and a three point bending strength of 250 MPa or more; wherein a ratio ( $I_{Al_2Y_4O_9}/I_{AlN}$ ) of X-ray diffraction intensity ( $I_{Al_2Y_4O_9}$ ) of Al<sub>2</sub>Y<sub>4</sub>O<sub>9</sub> (201 plane) with respect to X-ray diffraction intensity ( $I_{AlN}$ ) of aluminum nitride (101 plane) is 0.002 to 0.03.
- 2. A high thermal conductive aluminum nitride sintered body according to Claim 1, wherein a ratio ( $I_{Y_2O_3}/I_{AIN}$ ) of X-ray diffraction intensity ( $I_{Y_2O_3}$ ) of  $Y_2O_3$  (222 plane) with respect to X-ray diffraction intensity ( $I_{AIN}$ ) of AIN (101 plane) is 0.002 to 0.06.
- 3. A high thermal conductive aluminum nitride sintered body having: a thermal conductivity of 200 W/m · K or more; and a three point bending strength of 250 MPa or more; wherein a ratio ( $I_{Al_2Y_4O_9}/I_{AlN}$ ) of X-ray diffraction intensity ( $I_{Al_2Y_4O_9}$ ) of  $Al_2Y_4O_9$  aluminum nitride (201 plane) with respect to X-ray diffraction intensity ( $I_{AlN}$ ) of AlN (101 plane) is 0.002 to 0.06, and a ratio ( $I_{Y_2O_3}/I_{AlN}$ ) of X-ray diffraction intensity ( $I_{Y_2O_3}$ ) of  $Y_2O_3$ (222 plane) with respect to X-ray diffraction intensity ( $I_{AlN}$ ) of AlN (101 plane) is 0.008 to 0.06.
- 4. A high thermal conductive aluminum nitride sintered body according to Claim 1, wherein said aluminum nitride sintered body contains 0.14-1.5 mass% of Y element and 0.05-0.5 mass% of oxygen, a mass ratio (O/Y) of oxygen (O) with respect to Y element is 0.5 or less, an average diameter of aluminum nitride crystal grains is 4  $\mu$  m or more, a number of crystal grains existing in arbitrary crystal structure area of  $100 \, \mu$  m  $\times 100 \, \mu$  m is 200 or less, a

maximum diameter of grain boundary phase is 0.5  $\,\mu$  m or less.

5. A high thermal conductive aluminum nitride sintered body according to Claim 1, wherein said aluminum nitride sintered body contains 0.14 – 1.5 mass% of Y element and 0.05 – 0.5 mass% of oxygen, a mass ratio (O/Y) of oxygen (O) with respect to Y element is 0.6 or less, an average diameter of aluminum nitride crystal grains is 4  $\mu$  m or more, a number of crystal grains existing in arbitrary crystal structure area of 100  $\mu$  m × 100  $\mu$  m is 150 or less, a maximum diameter of grain boundary phase is 0.5  $\mu$  m or less.